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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on .1/22/03 (paper #29). The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action of 7/24/02 (paper #24) because all newly submitted claims 86-97 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed, in which all claims directed to the originally elected invention have been cancelled. In other words, all claims are now directed toward nonelected *murine* sequences, versus the previously examined polynucleotide encoding the *human* GFR α 3 of SEQ ID NO:15, in which those portions of SEQ ID NOs: 17 & 20 that were previously claimed were examined because these sequences included either the same *human* GFR α 3 sequence, or an alternatively spliced variant of the *human* GFR α 3 sequence, for the same reasons as previously made of record in Paper #24.

Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Robert Hayes (Art Unit 1647) whose telephone number is (703) 305-3132.

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